The Earth, nonhuman, and human animals are all under attack. There is a war that carries silent atrocities disguised as normalcy. Imperialism perceived as foreign aid. The monotonous daily routine of wage-slavery and paying bills. The unquestioned authority of politicians and state power. There is a system of exchange which allows privileged opportunity for a few and despair for many.

What if we remembered that we too are all animals? Animal liberation would then include all of us! We know that equality can not exist as long as there is hierarchy. Capitalism and the state merely reinforce a hierarchy of domination and authority. What if being vegan was more than just a dietary lifestyle? What if being vegan meant being free? What if it meant challenging all forms of domination in pursuit of equality and natural freedoms?

If we dream bigger than banks and boarders, the sky is the limit to our potential. Upon the re-discovery of our interconnection with nature, our individual defiance will eclipse their control.

For information on guerrilla gardening and/or veganic permaculture visit:

http://www.permanentculturenow.com/guerrilla-gardening/

http://www.veganicpermaculture.com/

For further reading on capitalism and the state visit http://www.infoshop.org/AnarchistFAQsectionC2

For even further reading on human animal liberation (anarchy) visit:

http://www.infoshop.org/AnAnarchistFAQ

For information about dietary decolonization visit http://www.decolonialfoodforthought.com/

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FREEDOM FOR BOTH NONHUMAN AND HUMAN ANIMALS

-WRITTEN BY A FEW WILD ANIMALS

WHAT IS CAPITALISM?

At its root, capitalism is an economic system based on three things: wage labor, private ownership of the means of production (factories, machinery, farms, and offices), and production for profit. While some people own means of production, or capital, most of us don't. In order to survive, we need to sell our ability to work in return for a wage, scrape by on benefits, or starve.

Those accumulating capital do so better when they can shift costs onto others. If companies can cut costs by not protecting the environment, or by paying sweatshop wages, they will. Catastrophic climate change, non-human animal cruelty/exploitation, and widespread poverty are signs of "normal" functioning of the system.

As human animals, it is important not to dismiss our own single-sided exploitation and enslavement. The same system of violently oppressive institutions that murders nonhuman animals is the same system that murders human animals. Combating speciesism means re-discovering the equality of freedom and life for both human and non-human animals. It also means the struggle for human animal liberation is as equally significant as nonhuman animal liberation.

WHAT IS THE STATE?

The State is the sum total of political, legislative, judiciary, military and financial institutions. The management of affairs, control over personal behaviour, and responsibility for personal safety, are taken from the people and entrusted to others.

The primary function of the state in a capitalist society is to maintain the capitalist system and protect the interests of those in power. As such, the state uses repressive laws and violence against the working class when we try to further our interests against capital. For example, bringing in anti-strike laws, or sending in police or soldiers to break up strikes and demonstrations. AETA, the Ag-Gag bill and many others are introduced in an effort to subdue revolutionary potential.

When we ask politicians to make changes for us we deprive ourselves of our own autonomous acts of responsibility. By voting, petitioning, and relying on the state, we reinforce the power it holds over us. As human animals, it is essential for us to acknowledge our own power as individuals, and our ability to work together for change directly.

INTERSECTIONALITY?

Intersectionality is the study of the interactions of multiple systems of oppression or discrimination. Intersectionality holds that the classical conceptualizations of oppressions within society, such as racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, speciesism, and nationalism do not act independently of one another; instead, these forms of oppression interrelate, creating a system of oppression that reflects the "intersection" of multiple forms of discrimination.

Intersectionality is important when attempting to understand the connection of capitalism, domination, and oppression to nonhuman animal exploitation and consumption. It is important in understanding how reliance upon government and legislative reform justifies the existence of a system which by its very nature is violent towards all beings.

In order to fully understand speciesism as a form of oppressive discrimination, one must investigate the ways in which oppression and discrimination are integral elements of capitalism, the state, and hierarchical domination.

VEGANISM: A PRIVILEGED CONSUMER ACTIVITY OR REVOLUTIONARY DIET?

Purchasing fake meats and cheeses preserve the capitalist interests of those who continue to market the idea of nonhuman animals as food. Processed foods are typically more expensive and derived from environmentaly destructive industries. Gourmet meat and cheese replacements are rarly available in low-income communities giving veganism the appearance of a privileged diet, rather than a movement focused on a decolonized diet of fruits and vegetables, anti-oppression, and fighting discrimination.

For veganism to be revolutionary, it must be intersectional and maintain a critique of class and hierarchy. Without such, veganism is merely a single-issued movement and mockery of its position against discrimination. In solidarity with nonhuman animals, a struggle against our own oppression and oppressing tendencies must be waged. Genuine animal liberation is inclusive of both human and nonhumans in a unified fight against capitalism, the state, and all oppression. No borders, no nations! No masters and no cages!